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1. TITLE OF NEWSPAPER: THE DAILY REPUBLIC		2. DATE OF FILING: September 21, 1999
3. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE: 6 days a week except Sundays, July 4th, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving, Cristmas & Jan. 1st.	3A. NO. OF ISSUES PUBLISHED ANNUALLY: 307	3B. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION PRICE: $104.00
4. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF KNOWN OFFICE OF PUBLICATION *(Street, City, County, State and ZIP+4 Code) (Not printers)*: 120 S. Lawler, PO Box 1288, Mitchell, SD 57301		
5. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE HEADQUARTERS OR GENERAL BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE PUBLISHER *(Not printer)*: 120 S. Lawler, PO Box 1288, Mitchell, SD 57301		
6. FULL NAME OF PUBLISHER: Noel Hamiel		
7. OWNER *(If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and list on the back of this form the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, its name and address, as well as that of each individual must be given.* FULL NAME: FORUM COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY	COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS: 101 N. 5th Street Fargo, ND 58102	
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A. TOTAL NO. COPIES *(Net Press Run)*	12,052	12,290
B. PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION 1. Sales through dealers and carriers, street vendors and counter sales	7,421	7,873
2. Mail Subscription *(Paid and or requested)*	4,386	4,228
C. TOTAL PAID AND/OR REQUESTED CIRCULATION *(Sum of 10B1 and 10B2)*	11,807	12,101
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2. Return from News Agents	180	147
G. TOTAL *(Sum of E, F1 and 2 -- should equal net press run shown in A)*	12,052	12,290

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SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PUBLISHER, BUSINESS MANAGER OR OWNER: Noel Hamiel Publisher

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Sworn to before me this Sept 28 day of September, 1999

Kathy Hoffman
Notary Public

My commission expires 10.8.2003

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